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KEVIN FRETWELL) VALVE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application claims priority from European Patent Application No. 01302113.4, filed March 8, 2001.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 31, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7, insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the Claims:

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

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Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (amended) A valve system according to claim 1, wherein the first valve member comprises two parts.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (amended) A valve system according to claim 1, wherein the second valve member comprises a ball valve.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

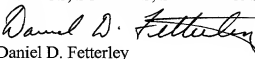
7. (amended) A valve system according to claim 1, wherein the second valve member is located within the first valve member.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (amended) A valve system according to claim 1, further comprising seals to maintain the integrity of the cavity.

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